

questions indicates that he does not agree with FERC's brief in this matter, I will continue to watch FERC very closely as this case moves forward. FERC is the sole forum to bring complaints of market power abuse and manipulation in electricity and natural gas, markets, and I fully expect FERC to not abrogate its Federal Power Act responsibilities to protect consumers and enforce "just and reasonable" rates.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair, on behalf of the minority leader, and after consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, appoints the following individual as a member of the United States—China Economic Security Review Commission: Daniel A. Blumenthal of the District of Columbia, for a term expiring December 31, 2009.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 9:30 a.m., Friday, December 21, and that on Friday, the Senate meet in pro forma session only, with no business conducted; that at the close of Friday's session, the Senate then meet in pro forma session, with no business conducted, on the following days and following times and recess after each session: Sunday, December 23, at 11 a.m.; Wednesday, December 26, at 9:30 a.m.; Friday, December 28, at 10 a.m.; Monday, December 31, at 10 a.m., and that at the close of the pro forma session on December 31, the Senate stand adjourned sine die, pursuant to S. Con. Res. 61, as amended, until 12 noon, Thursday, January 3, 2008, for a pro forma session only, and the Senate then recess until Monday, January 7, at 9 a.m., to meet in pro forma session, as provided previously, and meet on the following days and recess over each period: Wednesday, January 9, 11 a.m.; Friday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.; Tues-

day, January 15, at 11 a.m.; and Friday, January 18, at 10 a.m.; that at the close of that session, the Senate then reconvene on Tuesday, January 22, at 10 a.m.; that the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and then there be a period for the transaction of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, and the time be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final portion, and that the Senate then proceed to S. 1200, as previously provided.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:22 p.m., recessed until Friday, December 21, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DEANNA TANNER OKUN, OF IDAHO, TO BE A DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE KARAN K. BHATIA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICHARD A. BOUCHER, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, FOR THE PERSONAL RANK OF CAREER AMBASSADOR IN RECOGNITION OF ESPECIALLY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OVER A SUSTAINED PERIOD.

WILLIAM J. BURNS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, FOR THE PERSONAL RANK OF CAREER AMBASSADOR IN RECOGNITION OF ESPECIALLY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OVER A SUSTAINED PERIOD.

ANNE WOODS PATTERSON, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, FOR THE PERSONAL RANK OF CAREER AMBASSADOR IN RECOGNITION OF ESPECIALLY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OVER A SUSTAINED PERIOD.

C. DAVID WELCH, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, FOR THE PERSONAL RANK OF CAREER AMBASSADOR IN RECOGNITION OF ESPECIALLY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OVER A SUSTAINED PERIOD.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ROBERT D. JAMISON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ROBERT G. MCSWAIN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE CHARLES W. GRIM, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

JAMSHEED K. CHOKSY, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2014, VICE LAWRENCE OKAMURA, TERM EXPIRING.

DAWN HO DELBANCO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2014, VICE DARIO FERNANDEZ-MORERA, TERM EXPIRING.

GARY D. GLENN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2014, VICE STEPHAN THERNSTROM, TERM EXPIRING.

DAVID HERTZ, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2014, VICE JEWEL SPEARS BROOKER, TERM EXPIRING.

MARVIN BAILEY SCOTT, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2010, VICE THOMAS K. LINDSAY, RESIGNED.

CAROL M. SWAIN, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2014, VICE SIDNEY MCPHEE, RESIGNED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

MANUEL POZOALONSO, 0000

To be major

RACHELLE A. RETOMA, 0000

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE PRESIDENT

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

The following nominations transmitted by the President of the United States to the Senate during the first session of the 110th Congress, and upon which no action was had at the time of the December recess of the Senate, failed of confirmation under the provisions of Rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ANITA K. BLAIR, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

STEVEN G. BRADBURY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF COL. MARK W. TILLMAN, 0000, TO BE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH COL. LARRY L. ARNETT AND ENDING WITH COL. GILBERTO S. PENA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 9, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATION OF COL. MARC L. WARREN, 0000, TO BE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were confirmed:

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CEDRA DANIELLE EATON AND ENDING WITH DANNY J. SHEESLEY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JULIA A. STEWART AND ENDING WITH DEBORAH WINTERS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2007.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANNE H. AARNES AND ENDING WITH MELISSA ANN WILLIAMS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON OCTOBER 23, 2007.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PAMELA E. BRIDGEWATER AND ENDING WITH FRONITIS B. WIGGINS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON OCTOBER 23, 2007.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JEFFERY A. LIFUR AND ENDING WITH MARWA ZEINI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2007.

MARY ANN GLENDON, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE HOLY SEE.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH S. NAJLAA ABDUS-SAMAD AND ENDING WITH LONNIE J. PRICE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2007.

CHARLES W. LARSON, JR., OF IOWA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA.

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was